

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following amended title:

LOCKING DEVICE FOR AUTOMATIC MEDIUM CHANGER

Please replace the 1ST full paragraph on page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, the door 2 is, via hinges 22, ~~2223~~ provided to the top and the bottom of one side thereof, openably mounted at the front of the front panel 26 of the casing 3. The opening limit is restricted by a foldable link 23. On the other side of the door 2, a notch 24 for opening/closing manipulation is provided. Through the engagement of the notch 24 and a latch mechanism 25 of the side of the front panel 6, the closing state of the door 2 is ensured with a certain degree of resistance in the state of the door 2 being closed, though this is not limited to the lock mechanism composed of the notch 24 and latch mechanism 25.

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

To prevent a door opening when a carrier moves without using an electric actuator and without placing a burden on a device. An auto lock/unlock mechanism is composed solely of mechanical elements, and a lock mechanism is switched between an unlocked state and a locked state using the movement of the carrier. Thereby an automatic medium changer, which does not need an electric actuator such as a solenoid and is low price, is provided. Further, an opening manipulation of the door is permitted when the carrier is located at an evacuation position. This prevents a hand or a finger from being caught in an operable portion of the device. Further, since emergency stopping measures of the carrier for preventing an accident is not required, problems of damages, overloads, or the like to the device are solved.